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SABNIS, RAM W. et al.

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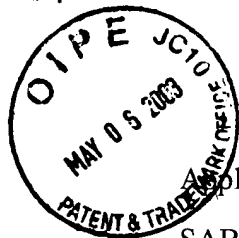
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, amendment and reconsideration of the above Application is requested.

Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of forming a precursor for use in manufacturing integrated circuits comprising the steps of:

providing a quantity of an antireflective compound and a substrate having a surface onto which said compound is to be applied, said antireflective compound having the formula

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